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The Lily White Republicans and The Negro.

It is barely possible that within the next one hundred years the Negro may cease his sleeping and his dreaming over Abraham Lincoln and the dead past, long enough to realize the fact that since the close of the war of the Rebellion the leaders of the Republican party have made many important movements with the sole object of throwing him overboard or casting him adrift for himself, so that they would not experience much difficulty in forming the lily white Republican party.

The first important step towards the accomplishment of that object was the manipulation of the Freedman's Savings bank. If we remember rightly it was established by the high priests of the Republican party exclusively for the colored Republicans and after those lily white high priests of the G. O. P. had succeeded in persuading all the poor ignorant and deluded Negroes to deposit their hard earned savings into that rotten institution, it closed its doors as tight as a steel trap, and it has been proven that the lily white promoters of the Freedman's Savings bank gathered into their coffers almost fifty-seven million dollars. All of that vast sum which was swept away in the twinkling of an eye, had been accumulated by the Negroes during the five years succeeding the war, and it had been saved up from the scanty wages which they had received from their ex-masters. No Democrat and any part in that whole sale scheme in robbing the Negro. It is very singular indeed that none of the colored Republican orators never refer to that event. In time commissioners were appointed to wind up the affairs of the freedman's savings bank, and they figured and figured and they finally succeeded in figuring all for the lily white leaders of the Republican party, and none for the Negro.

That was the first body blow dealt the Negro by the lily white leaders of the Republican party. The second one was administered to him at a later period by the United States Court, composed of lily white Republicans, when it pronounced the "Civil Rights Bill" unconstitutional. In effect it revived that old doctrine "that Negroes do not possess any civil rights which white men are bound to respect." Right here we must pause for a few moments to state, that if the Negro ever did owe the lily white leaders of the Republican party a debt of gratitude simply because that party happened to be in power during and for many years after the close of the war, that that debt has been paid more than ten million times, for we contend that the fifty-seven million dollars which it swindled the poor helpless Negro out of without cracking a smile and his loyal and unwavering support which he has rendered it for so these many years has been amply sufficient to liquidate all the debt the Negro has ever owed it, for poorly enacting legislation in his behalf which has been in each and every case declared null and void and of no effect whatever by the very highest lily white Republican judges in the land.

This brings us face to face with the actions of the lily white leaders of the Republican party in 1876, and their attitude in relation to the civil and the political rights of the Negro in the South. If the Negro should ever happen to open his eyes to the bright sunlight he will learn that pending the final settlement of the

contest for the Presidency between Rutherford B. Hayes, and Samuel J. Tilden in 1876, that through the advice of John Sherman, who was a traitor to his country in every sense of the word, James A. Garfield and Charles Foster, all of Ohio, that the lily white leaders of the Republican party would abandon the whole of the Reconstruction policy in the South, withdraw the Federal troops from that section of the country, and right there and then turn the State Governments of Louisiana and South Carolina over to the control of the whites residing in those states; providing that they, the whites, would permit the electoral voters of those states to be counted for Hayes, and Wheeler. That Political deal or trade can never be blotted from the pages of the history of this country.

In the very nature of things there must have been a political bargain in that respect for it is unreasonable to assume that the Hayes electors received the greatest number of votes, while at the same time and election all the Democratic candidates captured all the state officers in Louisiana and in South Carolina. Politically speaking that event or transaction unhorsed the Negro, and prepared the way for his disfranchisement, for the lily white leaders of the Republican party interjected into his undeveloped mind a spirit of hatred and contempt for all those men in the South who were friendly disposed to the Negro and who were willing to deal with him justly in all the affairs of life.

They, the lily white leaders of the Republican party, further enjoined upon the Negro that he must forever swear eternal vengeance against all Democrats everywhere, that every Democrat is his natural foe and enemy, and solidly vote for Abraham Lincoln, while on the other hand the Lily White Republicans are constantly doing everything in their power to cultivate the closest friendship of all Democrats and win them over to their side.

Therefore, if all the foregoing incidents are manifestations of undying love on behalf of the lily white leaders of the Republican party for the Negro, then we cannot refrain from exclaiming in the language of Mohammed: "May Allah and his guardian angels prevent us from falling into the hands of our enemies."

(To be Continued.)

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER WRITES THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO JULIUS F. TAYLOR.

Rosemont, Eopous, New York.
August 18th, 1904.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor,

Dear sir:

Your kind letter of congratulation to Judge Parker enclosing copy of "The Broad Ax," received to-day. Judge Parker desires me to thank you and to convey to you his appreciation.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR McCausland,
Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We find it absolutely impossible to attend all the social functions to which we are invited, consequently we cannot report them as we would like. If you will mail to our address a brief "write up" of your "social doings" so that we may have it not later than Wednesday of each week, our Society Editor will give it the attention it merits. Address The Broad Ax, 5040 Armour Avenue.



MRS. ISABEL CLARK.

One of the Most Fashionable and Progressive Leaders of the Smart Set of Louisville, Kentucky.

SOIREE MUSICALE ET REPAST, AT AVONDALE.

Society in Fine Dress and Gala Entertainment at Mrs. Eliza Brown's. Grand Reception in Honor of Four Visiting Ladies.

Mrs. Isabel Clark, Miss Nettie Montgomery, Mrs. Eliza Estes and Miss Leola Miller, the former two being nieces of Mrs. Brown and of Louisville, Ky., and the latter two being relatives of Mrs. Benjamin Randolph of Avondale, residing at Millington, Tenn.

Mrs. Brown is easily the leader of the Northwestern "400," and her reception of last Friday evening did justice to the title. Assisted by Mrs. Isabel Clark a pretty young widow, and one of the most profound students of our times, and a woman of wealth and high social position, who appeared in an habit complet de Grenadine Noire, and Miss Nettie Montgomery in an habit complet de Grenadine blanche, both wearing beautiful and costly diamonds, the affair was one unequalled in the history of the Northwestern "Smart Set. All the ladies present were very nicely dressed, Mrs. Estes wearing black silk and diamonds and other valuable jewels.

Space forbids more than mere passing mention of the fine menu served. Col. James H. Brown, Mrs. Brown's son, and Major Frederick Carpenter, a friend of the family, who acted in the role of Ward McAllister, superintended the sumptuous feast. Among the many good things to eat, and too numerous to mention, were luscious soft shell crabs, sent fresh from Baltimore, Md., and lobsters direct from the coast of Maine, by order of Mrs. Millie Jefferson, one of Chicago's wealthiest women. Wine sixteen years of age and other wines and champagnes were served in accordance with the strictest conventional rules, and the merry fortunate party who partook of the elaborate repast all seemed to be perfectly happy. Mrs. Jefferson personally seeing to it that all were properly entertained during their entire stay.

The musical programme under the direction of Professor Walter E. Wright, who presided at the piano and organ, alternately, was one of the finest The Broad Ax reporter has ever witnessed. Solos were beautifully sung by Mr. John Minter, Mrs. Laura Goode, Prof. Wright and Miss Nettie Montgomery, the representative of this paper occasionally "dropping a few lines" of music in some of the beautiful choruses. All went merrily on until the well entertained and "well-fed" party dispersed.

Among those present were Mrs. Eliza Estes, of Millington, Tenn., a thriving town near Memphis, where she is the owner of a prosperous business; her niece, the charming Miss Leola Miller made a very fine impression, wearing white silk and handsome jewels. Mrs. Estes is an Aunt of Mrs. Benj. Randolph, who resides in her own stately mansion on Dawson ave.,

Avondale, and these two ladies have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph for two weeks. Some of the others present were: Mrs. Benjamin Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. John Minter, the Misses Annie and Laura Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Davison, Prof. Walter E. Wright, Mrs. Laura Goode, Mrs. Bekoh and the reporter for The Broad Ax, who heard many pleasing compliments to the great journal which they say and truly, is waking people from their lethargy.

T. J. S.

Masonic Notes.

The Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Mississippi, which Knight, J. M. Blowe is Grand Commander of, is one of the most prosperous Grand Commanderies of Knight Templars in the United States.

The so called International Masonic Congress which was held lately at St. Louis, Missouri, by a few colored Masons was a frost, and a tame affair; only about twenty masons met and made some considerable noise and confusion and then adjourned.

It is now stated by good authority that several subordinate lodges will soon be organized in the State of Missouri, by regular and legitimate Masonic Grand Lodges, as there is not any lawful and regular colored Masonic Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of Missouri.

Illustrious A. D. Griffin, 33 of Portland, Oregon, and one of the founders and members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of that state, and Washington, paid a visit to Oriental Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. Masons in Chicago on last Wednesday evening, and was greeted and royally entertained by the members. Addresses were made by Frank D. Cranshaw, A. D. Griffin, John G. Jones, M. P. Triplett and others.

The Grand Commandry of Knight Templars of the State of Illinois met in annual session August 26th, at 2974 State street. On last week the Grand Lodge of Colorado met at Colorado Springs. E. F. Bruce of Denver was elected Grand Master, and William Sprague of Denver was elected Grand Secretary.

Illustrious C. R. France, 33, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of North and South America, is one among the prominent and leading colored Masons of the State.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio met on August 16th. Among some of the most prominent colored Masons in the State of Ohio are B. M. Shook, 33, George A. Young, 33, Cyrus H. Adams, 33, of Cleveland, Ohio, A. J. George, 33, Charles B. Washington, 33, John Wilbourne, 33, of Springfield, Ohio; M. F. Walker, 33, David S. Bruce, 33, of Steubenville, Ohio.

Morning Light Court of Daughters of Sphinx of Chicago had a very interesting meeting at their hall last Saturday evening. Mrs. Foster, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, presided, and made her report from the Annual Session of the Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx, which was held at Pittsburg, Pa. July 11th.

HENRY SHARPLIGHT.

THE CHICAGO BROAD-AX.

The pessimistic Chicago Broad-Ax, a flimsy would be Negro democratic paper is vomiting forth some "sour mash," "the most unkindest cut of all." This man has the unvarnished nerve to aim to bring something tangible against Theodore Roosevelt, and wonders why the intelligent and up-to-date colored people scattered over the country have not read Roosevelt's article in Scribner's Magazine. Page 435 of April Number of 1899, in which article this man, without good reason, claims Pres. Roosevelt slanders the colored soldiers. He quotes what the President says, and the quotation is an encomium instead of a slander. What was said might be true to the letter. Just because the colored boys did gallant service at San Juan Hill does not say that they are immune, and did not commit an error. No sir, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth is, "that the Broad-Ax man is lying in his general make-up."—The Forum, Springfield, Ill.

The editor of The Forum freely admits that Colonel Roosevelt did slander the Negro troops who fought so bravely at San Juan Hill and El Caney, but it assumes that because the Negro has had white Republican political masters for so many years, that President Roosevelt should be lauded to the skies for unjustly attacking the colored troops in his magazine article and that no Negro must possess the manhood to resent his infamous insult.

L. W. WASHINGTON WRITES TO ENLIGHTEN THE MINDS OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN WAITERS.

Read, ponder, and think, are the three words I wish to present to the waiters of America for their earnest consideration. Read the news papers, magazines, and books compiled by those who have spent their energy, time and money, that we may be able to avoid the bitter experiences that we should have stopped by reason.

Ponder that our judgment may be right, think that we may be able to give an account of ourselves in the time of the crisis.

Mr. J. S. Davis, of Mobile, Ala., in with us and addressed Bethel congregation Sunday morning and Local 509 Monday night. Whose words was timely and encouraging.

Mr. Wesley Edwards is back with his colleagues in Hyde Park and is ready for the oratorical arena of the political field.

I was looking at the statue of a man, prescribed as a working man, or a laborer, and this prescription written upon its base: "Bound but not Conquered." Let the non-union man read between the lines.

An ideal woman is like a diamond found in among scrap iron. And are honored by all men good and bad. It is a pleasure to mention the names of these two young ladies, relations of Mr. and Mrs. Speaks, proprietors of the Owl cafe, 31 and State st, Misses Chasney Sunday and Mary Bibbs. Both have an educational training and bid fair to rank in the future as the leaders of Negro advancement. They certainly are examples for our young women to take pattern after.

The politician that loves to discourage a waiters' union, is now trying to organize him. Why is this so? Can you answer it. George Washington, the father of this country, said: "In Union there is strength." There is nothing more to be said.

The Chicago Chronicle, has one of its correspondents traveling through West Virginia, and the representative of that paper stated in his long communication which appeared in its columns last Sunday "That the Hon. Henry G. Davis is a vote trader or getter; that the Republican legislature of that state, away back in 1872 and later on elected him to the United States Senate, and that many of the leading Republicans in West Virginia are in favor of disfranchising the Negro. In the estimation of the correspondent for the Chronicle, former Senator Davis is a fine gentleman and that he would be all right if he was only a shouting lily white Republican.

EDWIN H. FAULKNER.

The Enterprising Proprietor of the Afro-American News Office.

Very few young colored men have worked any harder early and late, in order to meet with success in business than Edwin H. Faulkner, the proprietor of the Afro-American News office, 3104 State street. About three years ago Mr. Faulkner established his place of business at his present location, and all the wise ones predicted that he would not last, that he would soon fail, but by sticking to it, and being honest in his dealings with his thousands of customers, he has fooled them all, and today he is doing a flourishing business.

When he first started his Afro-American News office he only handled about six different colored newspapers, but at the present time he has on sale more than twenty-five different papers from all parts of the United States, and he has calls for them all and from August 1st, 1903, to August 1st, 1904, he sold 7,562 Afro-American newspapers, and 1068 Afro-American monthly magazines.

It is fair to assume that Mr. Faulkner sells more of this class of literature than all the other news dealers in Chicago combined.

CHIPS.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Taylor, 5028 Armour avenue, are rejoicing over the arrival of a young daughter this week.

Miss Geneva Macey, 5133 Grove avenue, arrived home Tuesday morning from attending the Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn.

Master Leonard Coleman, of Milwaukee, spent this week in Chicago, with his friend, Master Frederick D. Tandy, 5145 Grove avenue.

George W. Henderson, 5016 Dearborn street, is spending his two weeks' vacation with his old friends in St. Louis, Mo.

Justice John Fitzgerald still continues to preside at Stock Yards Police station and he has put to flight all those who were after his scalp.

Mrs. Sadie Scott, 135 West 51st St., left Wednesday for a three weeks' visit to Detroit, Mich., Cleveland, O., and Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rogers, have removed from 53rd and Princeton ave. to 833-W. 54th Place, and they occupy one of the loveliest homes on that fashionable thoroughfare.

Miss Bertha Howard, of Washington, D. C., after visiting the Fair at St. Louis, is in Chicago for a week. She is the guest of Mrs. Jno. B. French, 190 35th street.

Dr. Ralph B. Stewart, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Bernard Taylor, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting in our city and stopping with Mrs. J. S. Tandy, 5145 Grove avenue.

Miss Etta Evans and Mrs. John Martin, of 4718 Langley ave., entertained Thursday eve at a progressive Heart game, and dance. An enjoyable evening was spent by the many attendants.

Attorney J. Gray Lucas (suite #11, 167 Dearborn street, is one of the leading colored Republicans in Chicago. Nevertheless he is a strong supporter of The Broad Ax.

Mr. B. S. Wright and his son, Master Willie Wright, of Columbus, Miss., have spent the past week in visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart, 5434 Normal avenue. They left for the South this morning.

Mrs. David Scott, 5042 Armour avenue, who underwent a second serious operation at Provident Hospital a few weeks ago, is rapidly recovering to the great delight of her family and many friends.

Rev. Allen Allensworth, who was appointed Chaplain of the 24th Regiment by President Grover Cleveland, on the recommendation of United States Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, will be placed on the retired list in 1904.